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Title: ZERO HEADSPACE EXTRACTOR AND  
METHOD FOR DETERMINING  
PARTITIONING AND CONTAMINANT  
RELEASE RATES OF VOLATILE AND  
SEMI-VOLATILE COMPOUNDS

Group No.: 1743

Examiner:  
Sines, Brian J.

**RESPONSE**

Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This communication is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed 17 February 2005. Claims 1-13 are pending in the subject application. Claims 1 and 4 have been rejected; Claims 2, 3, 5 and 6 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any

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